

SEAFARERS HOME AFTER SHIP CRASH

Passengers and Crew of Ryndam Transferred Four Times.

Freighter Cuneo Creeps in With Crumpled Bow.

WARSHIP GLIPS SPEED RECORD

South Carolina Outstrips Others in Dash to Aid.

Fearful Tragedy Narrowly Averted in Daylight Collision.

New York, May 27.—The Holland-American liner Ryndam was safe in port here today with passengers and crew once more on board after a collision and a narrow escape from destruction early Wednesday morning off Nantuxet when it was struck by the Norwegian freighter Joseph J. Cuneo, which rammed the Ryndam about the foremast, was creeping in with ten feet of her bow crumpled by the impact.

Four transfers, two at Red Bank, New York harbor, left sixty-two of the seventy-four passengers who sailed from New York on the Ryndam Tuesday afternoon, back again aboard the Dutch liner.

Make Four Transfers.

These passengers and 150 members of the Ryndam's crew were taken aboard by the Cuneo at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, half an hour after the two steamers collided. At 6:30 a. m. the Cuneo transferred the rescued passengers and seamen to the United States battleship South Carolina, which dispatched on the Atlantic coast in a race started by the call for help from the wireless aboard the Ryndam. The South Carolina brought the shipwrecked company to Red Bank, where they were transferred to the liner Thomas J. Millard off Tompkinsville, Staten Island. Meanwhile the Ryndam, with fifty of her crew still aboard, came under convoy of the battleship Texas and anchored in the harbor off South Brooklyn. There she received all but a dozen of her passengers and the rest of her crew from the Millard.

This last transfer was made at 2 a. m., and later in the morning the disabled steamer started up the river to her dock in Hoboken.

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Battleships to Rescue.

Four battleships, the South Carolina, Louisiana, Kansas and Michigan were on their way to Norfolk, Va., from the war game of the last week off the North Atlantic coast, when they picked up the Ryndam's S. O. S. call shortly after 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. Immediately they changed their course and rushed to the aid of the stricken ship, sixty miles away.

One of the South Carolina's officers said she made the sixty miles at an average of 19 1/2 knots per hour, speed, he said, better than her best previous record.

Officers of the Ryndam said when the two ships collided it was daylight and that little fog or mist prevailed. The Ryndam was rammed by the Cuneo, they declared, and the water entered rapidly through the last water-tight bulkhead, causing her to sink to a registered draught of 37 feet.

Immediately after the blow the Cuneo laid to and took aboard the Ryndam's passengers and three-quarters of her crew, transferred in the Ryndam's lifeboats. D. Bos, purser of the Ryndam, said the passengers were asleep at the time of the accident.

Collision in Broad Daylight.

"I was in bed and asleep myself," said Mr. Bos. "I was awakened by the jar and got up to see what it was. I looked out through my port and saw the Cuneo backing away from us. It was daylight and quite clear."

"In a short time the passengers were awakened and were gathered on the promenade deck. The lifeboats were swung out and suspended at the promenade rail, and the order was given to abandon ship."

"The ship continued to settle. Captain Van Der Heuvel gave the word to take to the boats, which was done with the least confusion and in good order."

"Ten boats on the starboard side were used and we rowed to the Cuneo, where everything possible was done for our comfort."

RIVER COMING UP.

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and by noon was out of its banks. Several families were forced to vacate and much farm land at the foot of the bluffs was flooded. One Mrs. William Chiddix, had sixty acres of corn completely covered and the damage will be great to gardens and farms. The water backed up the ravine and the land for about half a mile to the south and the farmers were unable to get through to the west.

Families Move Out.

The Teal family, four blocks east of Kansas avenue, moved out at noon and the house occupied by J. Kull was completely surrounded by water. A. A. Rogers, a truck gardener, had a corn field and some garden land under water.

Soldier Creek Up Slowly.

Soldier creek is higher than it has yet been this spring and it is still rising slowly. Residents of the district, however, entertain little fear of danger from this source. A report from Grantville says that the Big Muddy is out of its banks and the low places and some farm land is under water.

Shunganunga Near Bank Full.

Shunganunga creek this morning is within a few feet of bank full but there is little danger of an overflow unless there is more rain.

Trouble to Railroads.

The heavy rains caused considerable trouble to railroads last night and many of them reported small washouts. No serious difficulties have been encountered.

The Rock Island reports that at Pleasant Hill, Mo., the dump was washed away, delaying Kansas City-Louis trains for several hours. A big crew of workmen was hurried to the scene and at a late hour last night traffic was resumed. No other trouble

was experienced on the Rock Island, according to officials.

The district of the Oklahoma Central near Purcell, Okla., again caused trouble. Several small washouts were reported to the general manager's office of the Santa Fe in Topeka. The Oklahoma Central is owned by the Santa Fe. In the Cedarville district of the Southern Kansas division other minor washouts occurred.

P. 2. Track to Out.

Several yards of track on the Union Pacific between St. George and Manhattan were washed away by the rains. It caused only an hour's delay on a few trains. The traffic reports that all local trains this morning are running on schedule and that the through trains are only a few minutes late, because of soft tracks.

At Manhattan.

Two inches of rain, with heavy wind and some hail visited Manhattan yesterday and last night. The storm did little damage but the creeks around Manhattan and the creeks in the hills have considerably damaged farm land and growing corn. The Blue river, which empties into the Kaw at this point, is slightly, but no danger from this source is anticipated. About four feet of water is flowing in the old bed of the Kaw but the river is a long way from the flood stage.

Junction City reports half inch of rain last night. The Smoky Hill river fell four inches and the Republican is at a standstill.

Verdigris River Up.

The Verdigris river in southern Kansas has become a raging torrent and is creating havoc in the localities where it runs. One thousand feet of track has been washed away on the Cedarville branch of the Santa Fe. It is not officially reported that several bridges have been carried away by the strong current. The lowlands near the river are all flooded and residential property on the banks are bound for "higher country."

At Kansas City.

Kansas City, May 27.—All local streams were receding today and it was believed danger of floods in the Kansas city area had passed.

Residents living along Turkey creek, a local drainage stream, who abandoned their homes last night when an overflow was feared, were moving back this morning.

Reports from a number of points in Kansas and Missouri continued to tell of high water and unprecedented rains, as a result of trains reaching Kansas City from the south.

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